

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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April 6, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Mineral and Allied Rights

Authority: Part 5, Department of Natural Resources, Section 503, of the Natural

Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as

amended.

Applicant: Durkee Lakes Hunting and Fishing Club, Inc. (formerly known as

Durkee Lakes Land Company), of Flint, Michigan; Mineral Purchase

Application No. 814

Legal Description: Oscoda County, T28N, R04E, Clinton Township; Section 13, SE1/4

SW1/4; Section 14, SE1/4 NW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4; Section 15, SW1/4, SE1/4; Section 22, NW1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4, N1/2 SE1/4; Section 23 NE1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4; Section 24 NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4; Section 27 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, N1/2 SW1/4, E1/2 SE1/4; Section 33, S1/2 SE1/4; Section 34, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, SW1/4; Section 35, NW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4; totaling 2,920.00 acres, more

or less.

Rights to be

Conveyed:

Minerals and ingress and egress to watercourses for those parcels under

application that are not affected by a watercourse.

Comments: A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) geologist has determined that

the mineral rights have high value, but it would be appropriate to dispose

of them at this time if the DNR receives equitable compensation. Conveyance of ingress and egress to watercourses will be made for all parcels not affected by a watercourse, where applicable. For those parcels affected by a watercourse, a DNR Fisheries' representative reviewed the parcels and determined that the ingress and egress to

watercourses must be retained. The state does not have an interest in

the aboriginal antiquities for the parcels under application.

Restrictions: The conveyance is made subject to a restriction that prohibits the grantee

from severing subsurface rights at any time in the future. If the grantee severs the subsurface rights from the surface rights, the subsurface rights

will revert to the State of Michigan.

The conveyance is also made subject to the DNR retaining a \$6.00 per ton royalty interest in the sand and gravel mineral rights. This royalty interest will be adjusted annually based upon the average change in the producer price index (PPI) for construction sand and gravel (CSG) for the North Central Region, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or other comparable index.

Applicant will be required to notify the DNR annually regarding the status of sand and gravel mining on parcels where the DNR retains a royalty interest. The DNR shall receive notice by April 1 of each year.

Notice: This item will appear on the April 27, 2009 DNR Business Calendar and

will be eligible for approval on May 7, 2009.

Fee: The applicant has paid the required \$300 application fee. Upon approval

of this request, the applicant will be invoiced for the value of the minerals at \$2,515,654 for the oil and gas rights and \$179,690 for the sand and

gravel rights.

Recommendation: (1) The state-owned minerals under application be sold to the applicant for a total sales price of \$2,695,344 plus \$300 application fee.

> (2) That the ingress and egress to watercourses be conveyed for all parcels not affected by a watercourse, where applicable.

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D., Chief Forest, Mineral and Fire Management **Fisheries**

Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries **Date Approved**

Director